Broadbasing equity of Air India and Indian Airlines

304. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to broadbase the equity of the Air India and Indian Airlines by offering up to 49 per cent of these Companies' equity to the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the impact of the decision in the working of the Air India and Indian Airlines; and

(d) what is the manner in which Government propose to exercise administrative, financial and operational control on these two airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No decision has been taken in the matter so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Duty free shops run by I.T.D.C.

305. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of duty free shops run by the Indian Tourism Development Corporation in the country and what are the details of their location;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to invite private parties to bid for these shops; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) ITDC is presently operating 11 Duty Free Shops, including one tax free shop, at the following locations in the country:

Sl. No.	Place	No. of shops
1	Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi	2—at arrival & departure lounges
2	Sahar International Airport, Bombay	2—at arrival & departure lounges
3	International Airport, Madras	2—at arrival & departure lounges
4	International Airport, Calcutta	2—at arrival & departure lounges
5	International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram	2—at arrival & departure lounges
6	Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	1—Tax Free Shop
	TOTAL :	11

(b) and (c) Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of International Airports Authority of India from the shopping complex. No final decision has yet been taken on the subject.